

The fashion plate

Clothes get better mileage, too

By RUSTLE SHAND

In this automotive capital of the world, the big trend is toward increased mileage. Not only how much automobile mileage you can get from a gallon of gasoline, but how much fashion mileage you can get out of your clothes.

Gasoline is not the only commodity pricing itself into the recesses of a Scot's purse. Consider leather shoes. They've increased in price by about 25 percent since last year.

And, although clothing in general has not soared above and beyond the general inflation rate, investment dressing has replaced the throw-away credo of the 70s decade.

The trick to keeping up with inflation without losing your fashion image is to shop with an eye toward dual-purpose wardrobe additions. You'll find the shops are meeting

the challenge of wardrobe extenders with élan.

At Russ and Sherm's shoe emporium, we found a pair of call pumps closed in and understated for day. They come with a removable ankle tie that splices them up for evening occasions so all you need tote to the office are a couple of little spaghetti straps.

WHEN KASPER presented his designs for Joan Leslie at Hudson's Northland last week, his black wool convertible suit elicited gasps of delight from the fans who gathered to preview his fall collection.

The surprise came when the model who had stepped out on the runway in her black business suit removed the jacket to reveal the instant evening glamour of an all-over bugle-headed black cascade.

At Lord and Taylor, there's a dou-

ble-duty item in the lingerie department that can top an elegant evening ensemble or coddle you if you're in bed nursing a fall cold. It's a \$36 reversible quilted coolie jacket designed by Diane Von Furstenberg, and there also are less costly camisoles stocked by lingerie departments to add the night-time glamour beneath your office suit jacket.

IF YOU'RE at all handy with a needle and thread, or know somebody who is, you can convert some of your wardrobe staples from demode dullness to future chic. Tack a pair of shapely pads into the shoulders of your old jacket or dress. Confirmed home sewers say Hudson's has the best selection of shoulder pads in town.

If the Ralph Lauren lace collar and cuffs appeal to your fashion

senses, add them to a tailored shirt or sweater for a very feminine, thoroughly updated approach to fall. If you don't happen to have any lace things lying about the house, you should be able to find the collars and cuffs at better fabric stores.

Or, consider adding a contrasting passermenterie braid to the edge of a jacket or coat. Better yet, tack on an overlayer of velvet to the back of your suit or coat collar.

"W" recently carried a headline reading "Paris is having a fit". That means that if it doesn't fit the body closely, it's out. Try faking it by pulling everything in with a belt. As long as it looks narrow, long and lean, you're "in." You can make your own soft belt from a strip of Ultra Sweed, which most fabric shops will cut for you.

Free seminars view small businesses

Free seminars to introduce evening workshop courses for small business managers and owners will be offered beginning Sept. 12 by Oakland University, in conjunction with the University of Detroit, at three metropolitan locations.

The seminars will provide opportunity to experience the special training for small business managers and owners that will be offered in nondegree courses by both universities.

The free introductory programs are scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, at Holiday Inn, Dearborn; and at the same time on Thursday, Sept. 13 at Somerset Inn, Troy; and again from

10 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 15 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Dearborn.

The small business non-degree course will be practical, convenient, 10 week workshops, one for the newcomer to small business and other for the experienced small business owner or manager who needs help in financial management.

The first workshop course, How To Start and Run a Successful Business, is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 19, at Somerset Inn, Troy, and again on Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the Hyatt Regency, Dearborn. This course is for those who have little or no experience operating a small business. Participants will learn

how to develop thorough business plans and practice essential basic operating skills. Tuition is \$195.

Money management courses will begin Thursday, Sept. 20, at Somerset Inn, Troy, as well as on Wednesday, Sept. 26, at the Hyatt Regency, Dearborn.

The course will include experience in reading business books and records, using financial statements and balance sheets to measure company profit potential and various financial strategies. Participants also will learn how to plan ahead for a maximum return on the

eventual sale of their companies. Tuition is \$295.

Details about the free seminars and workshop courses and information about registration may be obtained from either Oakland University, 377-3120, or the University of Detroit, 927-1025.

Singles disco

Singles Unlimited has planned an evening of disco dancing at 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, in Les Tappereone's, 1824 1/2 Mile. There is a \$3.50 admission charge.

Treasures appraised

The Museum Guild of Dearborn is planning an appraisal clinic to be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, in the McFadden-Ross Museum, Brady and Michigan, Dearborn.

A representative from the Du-

Mouchelle Art Galleries of Detroit will be on hand to determine if old treasures are valuable and what the piece might be worth. Each individual may bring up to five items at a cost of \$3 each for identification.

Expressing anger is topic

Anger Without Aggression is the topic of a program for widowed men and women at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, at 16400 W. Twelve Mile, Southfield.

The lecture and discussion is sponsored by SPACE, a community service of the National Council of Jewish Women for the widowed, divorced, and their families.

Clare Berkowitz, a state certified social worker, will offer a set of useful guidelines on the healthy expression of anger. "We all need to know how to receive and express anger without getting hurt and without hurting others," she said.

The evening has been arranged by the widowed program committee of SPACE. There is a \$1

charge. Both events will take place in the offices of the NCJW, 16400 West 12 Mile Road, Suite 106, Southfield.

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